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Response to Restriction Requirement of February 18, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed February 18, 2005 has been carefully considered. The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. Accordingly, reconsideration of the present Application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended the Application to attend to housekeeping matters and to more clearly describe the invention. Claims 2, 5, 11, 15, and 18 were amended to properly recite a list of solvents. Support for this amendment may be found in originally filed claims 2, 5, 11, 15, and 18. It is not believed that any new matter was introduced by these amendments, and that no additional search is required by the office.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the opportunity to clarify the requirements of a complete response in connection with the restriction requirement in a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative, Mr. Silverman on March 10, 2005.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and claims 1-20 are subject to a restriction and/or an election requirement to proceed with the prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, for the purpose advancing the case, Applicant elects the single species disclosed in Applicant's Example 19 of Applicant's Specification. In example 19, 3-acetylpyridine is prepared from 3-chloropyridine. This pyridine compound readable on by independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-20.

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It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above remarks, the restriction requirement is now satisfied and the examination of this application on the merits can now proceed. If the Examiner has any remaining questions, she may contact Applicant's representative. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and an allowance of all pending claims are courteously solicited.

An early and favorable action is courteously solicited.

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